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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : MARRIOTT et al.
Appl. No. : 09/646,111
Filed : November 20, 2000
Title : IMPROVED CRYSTAL STRUCTURE

Confirmation No: 3979

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Examiner : S. Tran

Docket No.: : MARR3001/REF
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for TWO (2) months to September 16, 2002.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) for a two month extension of time is \$410.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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